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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: NAZI ACTIVITIES IN U. S.

Dear Sir:

There are forwarded herewith two pamphlets purchased at the Germania Book & Novelty Store.

A pamphlet containing six addresses on the aims and purposes of the German-American Bund, delivered at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on February 20, 1939. The pamphlet is published by the A. V. Publishing Corporation, P.O. Box 24, Station K, New York City.

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"Wolves in Sheep's Clothing", a pamphlet published by the Sodality Union of Washington, D. C., and copyrighted by that organization in October, 1937. This pamphlet is described as being "An Authentic portrayal of the perfidious proposals of Communism and Socialism in their real setting, as masks and devices, employed by amazingly organized and financially powerful occult forces, bent upon world conquest". On pages 27 to 37 will be found material indicating that the pamphlet is definitely anti-Semitic propaganda.

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There is also submitted a copy of the June, 1939, issue of "Click", the so-called national picture monthly. Attention is invited to the illustration on the inside of the front cover, under the title "Using the American Flag as a Carpet at a Nazi Camp". The text under the illustration reads as follows:

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"This photograph speaks for itself. No loyal American need look at it more than once to grasp its full significance. It was taken through the second-story window of an American Bund headquarters in one of the camps now rapidly dotting the map of the United States

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The familiar faces of the barbarians whose followers are trying to undermine this country can be clearly recognized on the walls. The face to the extreme left under the shouting Hitler is that of Fritz Kuhn, known to the Nazis of this country as the "National American Fuehrer." On the table in this amazing room appears a map of the United States dotted with swastikas locating bund camps already launched. Hitler's swastika on the wall towers over the American flag rumpled under a whiskey bottle and near a suspidor and used as a carpet by the Nazi betrayers of the benevolent protection of Old Glory!"

It will be noted that the Swastika is white on a plain black background, instead of a black swastika on a circular white background. Cuspidors are an American institution and would hardly be used at a real German Camp. The American flag seems quite clean, considering the use to which it has been put.

This matter of the alleged desecration of the American flag was brought to the attention of this office by [redacted] b7c [redacted] New York City.

Instructions are respectfully requested as to whether the Bureau desires any inquiry be made of Emile Gauvreau, the Editor of "Click", to ascertain the location of the Camp where this picture was made and other pertinent information regarding this activity of the German-American Bund. In connection with this matter attention is invited to the reference to the F.B.I. in the editorial on page 5.

Very truly yours,

Dwight M. Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures (5).